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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT TO HOLD FORUM ON AVAILABLE PROGRAMS

PORT LAVACA, TEXAS, April 13, 2005 – The public is invited to attend USDA Rural Development's forum on Tuesday, April 19, 2005, at 1:00 p.m., at the Calhoun County Exhibit Building, 186 County Road 101, Port Lavaca, Texas. This forum is free to the public and USDA Rural Development staff will provide information to all interested individuals and entities, about the various Housing, Community, and Business and Cooperative Programs available through USDA Rural Development.

"This forum will provide rural citizens information about USDA Rural Development and our commitment to increase economic opportunities and enhance their quality of life," said Bryan Daniel, Texas State Director. "Individuals, businesses and others that are interested in USDA Rural Development's Business, Community and Housing loans and grants, are encouraged to attend."

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities throughout Texas. Through the numerous programs offered by USDA Rural Development, communities can improve the flow of capital to businesses and address the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, please call USDA Rural Development in Edna, Texas at (361) 782-7151, Ext. 4.

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